

# UK Pavilion Forest Garden - Expo 2005

## Aichi, Nagoya, Japan

Grant Associates worked with the National History Museum, Ten Alps and Land Design Studio to develop the design concept and installation of the UK Pavilion for Expo 2005. The expo opened in April 2005 and ran until September 2005, under the theme of 'Natures Wisdom'.

The UK Pavilion comprised of an internal exhibition celebrating scientific innovation and an external exhibition zone that examines the human effect on the natural world. To enable this examination the external zone formed a setting for a sequence of special artworks by leading UK artists; Heather Ackroyd & Dan Harvey, Richard Deacon, Anya Gallaccio, Cornelia Parker, Susan Derges, Stefan Gee, John Riddy, Ross Sinclair, Richard Woods, and Catherine Yass. Each artist had been set an ecological theme to inspire their piece, for instance, deforestation and river pollution.

The external garden also functioned as an interactive queuing space capturing the spirit of a wild British Woodland. Densely planted Lime trees enhanced the impact of the woodland, providing welcome shade and dappled sunlight. The trees were underplanted with a sequence of seasonal flora displays of native British species; Daffodils, Blue Bells, Foxgloves, Angelic, Ferns.

**Site Area:** 1200m<sup>2</sup>  
**Client:** Foreign & Commonwealth Office  
**Architects:** Land Design Studio  
**Overall Project Value:** £8 million



Top: Seasonal changes; Summer & Winter  
 Above: Summer in the garden  
 Left: The garden at night; Dead tree artwork within the forest